THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY" OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRA.T PATIL): (a) One complaint of pilferage from passengers' checked baggage in respect of Air India Flight No. 316 of 14th February, 1989 on the Sector Bombay-Delhi has been reported.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Strict vigilance is maintained over passenger baggage and whenever any act of pilferage comes to the notice of the airline the same is investigated and suitable action is taken. Security measures have been tightened and special attention is paid to ensure that such malpractices are curbed.

Book Stalls at Palwal, Ballabhgarh, Kossikalan and Faridabad Town Railway Stations 1571. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether book stalls have been provided at palwal, BaUabhgarri, Kossikalan and Faridabad Town Stations of Central Railway; and

(b) if so, what is the date of calling for the applications, date of interview and the date of allotment, with names of contractors to whom allotted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS' (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached, (see below)

Statement

The details regarding allotment of Bookstalls are as under:-

Name of the station	Date of inviting applica-tions.	Date of Interview	Date of allot-ment.	Name of the contractor to whom allotted.
Palwal, *1* BallabhgarhJ	11.10.82	7.2.83	1.7.83	Shri Brijendra Dubey.
Kossikalan	25.9.83	19.12.83	21.1.84	Shri Brijendra Dubey.
Faridabad	11.3,84	21.5.84	28.5.84	Shri Moti Ram Pahuja.

Security check of air passengers at Jaipur airport

1572. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what system has been adopted for security check of air passengers at Jaipur airport;

(b) whether it is a tact that passengers have to undergo security check twice and even near the aircrafts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that women passengers have to undergo security check in the open near the aircraft;

(d) whether Government are considering to make use of a portable enclosure

near the aircraft for security check of women passengers; and

(e) if so, by when; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Security check of passengers at Jaipur airport involves (i) hand baggage check and. (ii) frisking with a metal detector.

(b) At some sensitive airports, a secondary check near the ladder point is in vogue.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The airport security police have already been provided with two portable screens to frisk lady passengers near the ladder point.

Commonwealth membership to Pakistan and Fiji

1573. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI BHUVANESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sponsor Pakistan's case for rejoining the Commonwealth; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the issue was discussed with the Pak Prime Minister Mrs. Bhutto at Islamabad recently; if so, whether she had made any request in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to oppose Fiji's request for re-admission into Commonwealth; and what are the names of the countries which are supporting Fiji and those which are opposing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government of India have agreed to welcome and support Pakistan's case for rejoining the Commonwealth whenever Pakistan makes a formal request to the Commonwealth, it will be recalled that a democratically elected Government of Pakistan had pulled out of the Commonwealth. If another democratically elected Government of that country wishes to rejoin the Commonwealth, India would support it.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government remain opposed to Fiji's readmission into the Commonwealth. Since Fiji has not made any application for readmission to the Commonwealth, the policy of other countries in this regard is not known,

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report (1987-88) on the working of the commission of Railway Safety, Lucknow.

II National Airports (Employees Conduct, Discipline and Appeal) Regulations, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report on the working of the Commission of Railway Safety, Lucknow, for the year 1987-88 Placed in Library. *See* No. LT.7504/89]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Civil Aviatiqn and Tourism, Notification No. SEC. 9.2.7., dated the 30th August, 1988, publishing the National Airports Authority (Employees Conduct, Discipline and Appeal) Regulations, 1988, under section 40 of the National Airports Authority Act, 1985. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 7503 / 89 "